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SUBJECT: NAVOCFORMED PORT CALL TO BARCELONA

REF: USNATO 1364; STATE 49335

1. ON MARCH 19 USNATO CHECKED ONCE MORE WITH NETHERLANDS PERMREP. SPIERENBURG SAID HE HAD CABLED THE HAGUE ON MARCH 14 REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO AGREE TO SILENCE PROCEDURE IN DPC. AS YET HE HAD RECEIVED NONE; BUT HE PROMISED TO TELEPHONE MFA IMMEDIATELY TO ACCELERATE MATTERS.

2. A FEW HOURS LATER AMBASSADOR BUSCH ( NORWAY), WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM CONSULTATION IN OSLO, ADVISED MISSION THAT RESPONDING TO MISSION' S MARCH 14 DEMARCHE ( USNATO 1364) GON HAD DECIDED  
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NOT REPEAT NOT TO AGREE TO BARCELONA PORT CALL. BUSCH SAID QUESTION HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AT SENIOR LEVEL IN NORWEGIAN

GOVERNMENT AND THAT OSLO HAD TAKEN INTO FULL ACCOUNT VIEWS EXPRESSED BY AMBASSADOR CROWE TO FOREIGN MINISTER VARVIK ( OSLO 806). HE WENT ON TO REPEAT DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONCERNS WHICH HE HAD ENUMERATED ON FEBRUARY 15 ( USNATO 868) AND ADDED THAT THEY HAD PROVED OVERRIDING. EMBASSY OSLO WOULD, BUSCH SAID, BE RECEIVING THE SAME NEGATIVE NORWEGIAN RESPONSE VERY SHORTLY.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE NEGATIVE NORWEGIAN POSITION, USNATO CONTINUES TO RECOMMEND SENDING THIS REQUEST FOR INNOCUOUS NAVOCFORMED BARCELONA PORT VISIT FORWARD FROM SHAPE TO MILITARY COMMITTEE TO DPC FOR APPROVAL BY SILENCE PROCEDURE ( USNATO 1210). MEANWHILE I SHALL PERSONALLY INTERVENE WITH BUSCH TO IMPRESS ON HIM WASHINTON' S CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL INTEREST IN IMPROVING MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO, AS STATED BY SECRETARIES ROGERS AND LAIRD AT DECEMBER 1972 NATO MINISTERIAL. I FURTHER BELIEVE THAT PARALLEL ACTION IN WASHINGTON AND OSLO WOULD BE HELPFUL. RUMSFELD

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